

The Massachusetts State Fire Marshal offers the following tips for a safe and happy summer.

Gasoline and Lawn Mowers...

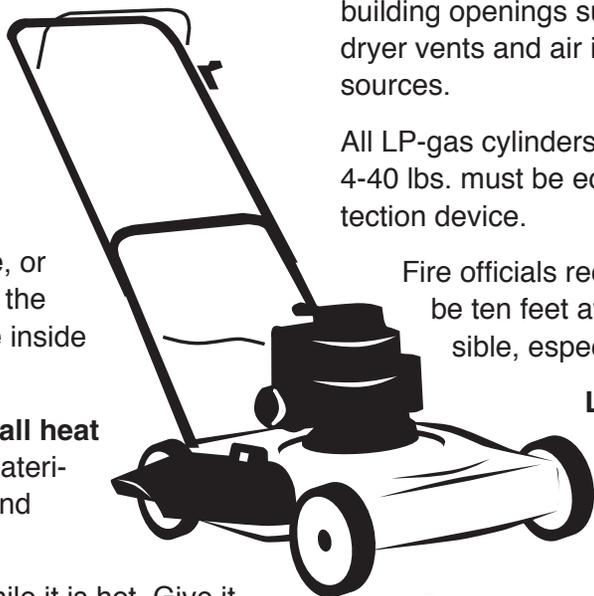
Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. They stay on your clothing and **can ignite** if you light a match or cigarette.

Store gasoline only in approved containers, outside, or in a building not attached to the house. Never keep gasoline inside the home.

Keep gasoline away from all heat sources such as smoking materials, pilot lights, campfires, and grills.

Never fuel a lawn mower while it is hot. Give it a few minutes to cool off first.

Keep hands and feet away from the mower while it is running.



Barbecue Safely...

Use all barbecue grills away from the house in the backyard.

Supervise children whenever any grill is in use.

Never use gasoline on any grill!

Gas Grills...

Keep all LP-gas outside, five feet away from building openings such as doors, windows, dryer vents and air intake vents and all ignition sources.

All LP-gas cylinders with a capacity between 4-40 lbs. must be equipped with an overfill protection device.

Fire officials recommend LP-gas canisters be ten feet away from the house, if possible, especially when in use.

LP-gas grills are not permitted inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building where people live.

LP-gas is heavier than air and sinks. A leaky grill could pose a hazard to people below. Possible ignition sources include smoking materials, air conditioners, compressors, pilot lights and cars.

Make sure all connections are tight and secure.

Charcoal Grills...

Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal grills.

Once the coals have been lighted, **never add more lighter fluid to the fire** — flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns.

When your car overheats...

Always:

- **Turn off your car** and wait at least **one-half hour** before attempting to open the radiator.
- **Use a heavy rag** or cloth to open the radiator.
- **Stand back** as far as possible. **Keep your face out of the way** in case the radiator should rupture!

Opening hot car radiators is one of the leading causes of burns. These burns can be prevented with patience and appropriate precautions.

When your car overheats, or even when it's just been running for a while, pressure builds up inside the radiator.

If you open a hot car radiator, hot steam and liquid can splash on your face and hands causing painful, disfiguring burns.